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EXDIS FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

AMB CRIMMINS HAS ASKED THAT FOLLOWING BE REPEATED TO
YOU FOR REFERENCE IN READING HIS COMMENTS ON REPORT
TDFOR:DB 315/91644 OF FEB 14 UPON YOUR ARRIVAL IN LIMA.

FOLLOWING REPEATS BRASILIA 1362 ACTION SECSTATE 15 FEB

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L BRASILIA 1362

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TAGS: PFOR, PINS, MOPS, AO; BR

SUBJECT: FURTHER SILVEIRA COMMENTS ON ANGOLA

1. IN THE COURSE OF A DISCUSSION LAST WEEK OF OTHER SUBJECTS,
FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA VOLUNTEERED THE FOLLOWING
COMMENTS ON ANGOLA.

A. AGOSTINHO NETO'S FEBRUARY 4 SPEECH WAS VERY IMPORTANT
IN ITS NATIONALIST TONE AND IN ITS RESERVED TREATMENT OF
CUBA. THE FACT THAT HE HAD CITED SUPPORT FROM YUGOSLAVIA
BEFORE THAT OF CUBA WAS SIGNIFICANT.

B. AGOSTINHO NETO IS A MODERATE WHO NEEDS COUNTERS
TO THE RADICALS IN THE MPLA AND THAT IS WHY HE IS SEEKING
GOOD RELATIONS WITH ZAIRE.

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C. ANGOLA IS NOT SATELLIZABLE.

D. "THE CUBANS ARE GOING TO HAVE TO LEAVE" AS
ANGOLAN NATIONALISM EXERTS ITS FORCE.

E. THE CARD OF NATIONALISM MUST BE PLAYED MORE
ENERGETICALLY (THE IMPLICATION BEING THAT OUTSIDERS
SHOULD BE ENCOURAGING AND APPEALING TO ANGOLAN
NATIONALIST SENTIMENTS).

F. THE BRAZILIAN UN DELEGATION WAS APPROACHED IN
LATE JANUARY-EARLY FEBRUARY BY UNITA REPRESENTATIVES WHO
REFERRED TO UNITA AFFINITIES WITH THE MPLA AND THE LACK THEREOF
WITH THE FNLA. THE BRAZILIAN SIDE MERELY LISTENED.
EVENTUALLY THE MPLA IS GOING TO HAVE TO INVITE
THE INTELLECTUALS OF UNITA INTO THE GOVERNMENT.

G. SILVEIRA WANTS TO GO OVER WITH THE SECRETARY ALL
THE BRAZILIAN CONTACTS WITH ANGOLAN ELEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS
GIVEN TO THE GOB BY THEM. IN ALL HIS CORRESPONDENCE WITH
SILVEIRA, AGOSTINHO NETO HAS BEEN "CORRECT" AND UN-
DOCTRINAIRE (AS HAS THE MOZAMBICAN FOREIGN MINISTER).

H. AT THE RIGHT MOMENT, "WE (AND SILVEIRA MEANT
BRAZIL, THE US AND OTHERS) SHOULD MOVE". THE CONTECT WAS
SUCH THAT SILVEIRA CLEARLY MEANT: MOVE TO OFFER AGOSTINHO
NETO ALTERNATIVES TO THE COMMUNISTS.

2. COMMENT: THE THRUST OF SILVEIRA'S REMARKS, WHICH ARE
REPORTED IN THE SEQUENCE IN WHICH THEY WERE MADE AND
WHICH IN PART REPEAT HIS STANDARD JUSTIFICATORY POSITIONS,
SUGGESTS TO ME THAT HE MAY BE PREPARING A PITCH TO THE
SECRETARY FOR SOME QUIET CONCERTING OF BRAZILIAN AND US
ACTIONS TOWARD ANGOLA. I SPECULATE THAT, IF HE DOES HAVE
SOMETHING DEFINITE IN MIND, SILVEIRA WOULD LOOK TO US TO
SUPPLY MOST OF THE FINANCIAL WHEREWITHAL IMPLICIT
IN THE REFERENCE TO "MOVING" BUT WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT
BRAZIL WOULD BE HIGHLY VISIBLE.

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